

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Device for grinding workpieces by means of abrasive granules, having a container and a disk rotating relative to the container, wherein in the an upwardly and radially inwardly tapering upper area of the container are provided ribs with having at least one extension component in the rotation direction of the disk as well as at least one vertical extension component, the ribs being arranged to guide the abrasive granules along the rib inwardly towards a center of the container.

2. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim-4 5, wherein the ribs at least also have a vertical extension component.

3. (Original) Device according to claim 1, wherein the ribs are arcuate.

4. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, wherein the ribs have an inwardly directed edge directed inwardly towards the center of the container.

5. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1 for grinding workpieces by means of abrasive granules, having a container and a disk rotating relative to the container, wherein in an upper area of the container are provided ribs with at least one extension component in the rotation direction of the disk, wherein adjacent ribs enter a common concave edge.

6. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim-4 5, wherein the area of the container having the ribs tapers away.

7. (Original) Device according to claim 1, wherein the ribs are substantially triangular in cross-section.

8. (Original) Device according to claim 1, wherein a top part of the container carrying the ribs is rotatable relative to the remaining container.

9. (Currently Amended) Top part for the a container having ribs at least in a partial area of a device for grinding workpieces by means of abrasive granules, the device having a disk rotating relative to the container, wherein in the an upper area of the container there are ribs with having at least one extension component in the rotation direction of the disk as well as at least one vertical extension component, the ribs being arranged to guide the abrasive granules along the rib inwardly towards a center of the container.

10. (Currently Amended) Top part according to claim-9 13, wherein the ribs have at least one vertical extension component.

11. (Original) Top part according to claims 9, wherein the ribs are arcuate.

12. (Currently Amended) Top part according to claim 9, wherein the ribs have an ~~inwardly directed edge~~ directed inwardly towards the center of the container.

13. (Currently Amended) Top part ~~according to claim 9~~ a container having ribs at least in a partial area of a device for grinding workpieces by means of abrasive granules, the device having a disk rotating relative to the container, wherein in an upper area of the container there are ribs with at least one extension component in the rotation direction of the disk, wherein adjacent ribs enter a common, concave edge.

14. (Original) Top part according to claim 9, wherein the ribs are substantially triangular in cross-section.

15. (Currently Amended) Top part according to claim-9 13, wherein the area of the container having the ribs tapers away.

16. (Currently Amended) Top part according to claim 9, wherein ~~it can be said top part is adapted to be~~ connected in rotary manner with a residual container of the grinding device.

17. (New) Top part according to claims 13, wherein the ribs are arcuate.

18. (New) Top part according to claim 13, wherein the ribs have an edge directed inwardly towards the center of the container.

19. (New) Top part according to claim 13, wherein the ribs are substantially triangular in cross-section.

20. (New) Top part according to claim 13, wherein said top part is adapted to be connected in rotary manner with a residual container of the grinding device.

21. (New) Device according to claim 5, wherein the ribs are arcuate.

22. (New) Device according to claim 5, wherein the ribs have an edge directed inwardly towards the center of the container.

23. (New) Device according to claim 5, wherein the ribs are substantially triangular in cross-section.

24. (New) Device according to claim 5, wherein a top part of the container carrying the ribs is rotatable relative to the remaining container.